

Montevallo. In 1967 he moved to Bessemer, Alabama where he ran for Mayor, making him the first African American to run for a major Alabama political office, opening the door for many future generations of African Americans in Alabama to run for office. As a result of his run, he was taken and beaten by members of the KKK and left for dead, yet he managed to survive and to thrive through the grace of God, continuing to fight for truth and justice.

Reverend Richardson was blessed in marriage to Robbye Johnson Richardson, to whom he was joyfully wed for fifty-six years. Together, they shared three loving children, Pastor E. Steven Richardson (Melanie), Georgina Richardson-Alexander (George) and Robert Richardson; six grandchildren, Erica, Steven, Irvn, Iven, Tiara and Harmony; two extended grandchildren, Summer and Joshua; and twelve greatgrandchildren.

On a personal note, I am very grateful for the guidance, prayers and wise counsel that Reverend Richardson has provided me over the years. Reverend Richardson was a steady anchor in the Montgomery community. As pastor of Hutchinson Missionary Baptist Church, he provided strong leadership to his congregation and made a big difference during his over fifty years of ministerial and public service. Reverend Richardson was a man of faith who lead by example. May we find comfort in knowing that his legacy will live on in the many lives that he impacted.

On behalf of Alabama's Seventh Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the exemplary life and accomplishments of Reverend Dr. George W.C. Richardson, Jr.

HONORING JIM PHILLIPS FOR HIS LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO THE NORTH COUNTRY AND THE NATION

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2020

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Phillips, President and CEO of the Canadian/American Border Trade Alliance, for his lifetime of service to the North Country and the Nation.

Jim Phillips, a longtime business leader with experience in cross border commerce, founded the Canadian/American Border Trade Alliance (Can/Am BTA) in 1992. He recognized the need for a bi-national coalition of private and public stakeholders to advocate for the needs of the users of the U.S.-Canadian border including trade, transportation, border management and tourism. Jim Phillips has served as its President and CEO since its founding, creating an effective transcontinental and bi-national organization with engagement from twenty-seven states and all the provinces of Canada. The organization he built and leads involves a combined network of over 60,000 companies and organizations including producers, shippers, brokers, chambers of commerce, universities, bridge and tunnel operators, business and trade corridor organizations as well as economic development and government agencies.

Under his many years of leadership at the Can/Am BTA, Jim Phillips became one of the

most respected voices in all matters related to the U.S.-Canadian border in both countries, consistently earning the trust and partnership of Canadian and U.S. officials at all levels and over many administrations. Throughout the years, Jim Phillips has directly contributed to many border related advances including multiple infrastructure investments, the Shared Border Accord and enormous progress toward U.S.-Canadian customs and regulatory harmonization, among many others.

In the 21st Congressional District, Jim Phillips was pivotal in working with the North Country Chamber of Commerce to develop the original concept of the Quebec-New York Corridor as a vehicle for bi-national collaboration, and in helping to secure more than \$107 million for the new U.S. border facilities at Champlain in 2005. Jim Phillips also played a leading role in the original organization of the Northern Border Caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives, an important bi-partisan platform for northern border advocacy.

Jim Phillips has made an indelible impact on the North Country and our relationship with Canada through his decades of experience and leadership. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank Mr. Phillips for his lifetime of service to New York and the United States.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF PROFESSOR JEROME A. COHEN

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2020

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Professor Jerome Alan Cohen, the Founder and Faculty Director Emeritus of the U.S.-Asia Law Institute of the New York University School of Law. Professor Jerry Cohen is a true champion of human rights and the rule of law in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and South Korea. This month, he is celebrating his 90th birthday with his family and friends.

Professor Cohen—or “Jerry,” as he prefers to be called by friends, colleagues, and students alike—is one of the foremost experts in Chinese law and government in the United States and internationally. He has provided sage advice and wise counsel to international leaders, U.S. government officials, and Members of Congress throughout his illustrious career, including in testimony to the Congressional-Executive Commission on China of which I currently serve as Chair. Not long out of Yale Law School, Jerry was a law clerk to Chief Justice Earl Warren and to Justice Felix Frankfurter, of the U.S. Supreme Court. Jerry also was an Assistant U.S. Attorney here in Washington, D.C.

Jerry's extraordinary career on China began in the 1960s while he was teaching at Boalt School of Law at University of California Berkeley. A grant to UC Berkeley from the Rockefeller Foundation allowed him to begin his study of Mandarin Chinese. Later, he created the East Asia Legal Studies Association at Harvard School of Law, where he would go on to teach for 17 years.

In 2018, Harvard Law alumni established the Jerome A. and Joan L. Cohen Professor-

ship of Law at Harvard Law School to honor his pioneering work. His students over the years include prominent legal scholars, lawyers, law professors, journalists, and diplomats, such as former Taiwanese president, Ma Ying-jeou and former U.S. Ambassador to China Clark Randt, Jr.

Jerry and a group of colleagues were also early advocates in encouraging the United States to engage with the People's Republic of China. During his first trip to China in 1972, Jerry met with Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai, and, years later accompanied Senator Ted Kennedy to Beijing to meet with Deng Xiaoping.

Jerry has been an energetic advocate for human rights in China and critic of the Chinese government. At the US-Asia Law Institute, he has developed programs on criminal justice reform in China with Chinese counterparts. Jerry also has led the way in supporting the release of political prisoners in China, including John T. Downey, a former Yale College classmate and CIA agent who was released in 1973 after more than 20 years' imprisonment in China. He played a crucial role in the release of Annette Lu, who would go to be Taiwanese vice president under Chen Shui-bian. Jerry also has advocated for and helped secure the release of many Chinese political prisoners, including Song Yongyi and Chen Guangcheng.

Professor Jerry Cohen has not only participated in the history of U.S.-China relations, he has shaped it. All those who advocate for human rights and the rule of law in China owe him a great debt of gratitude. I thank Professor Cohen for his exemplary service for humanity.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE-SAVING ACTIONS OF 7-YEAR-OLD LILLIE DAVIS

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lillie Davis of Willow Springs, Missouri for her heroic actions that helped save the life of her father, Seth Davis.

Lillie's father has suffered from epilepsy since he was a child. Because of this, Lillie was trained for emergency situations at a young age. When her father went into an epileptic seizure one spring morning, 7-year-old Lillie knew just what to do to help him. She acted with poise and bravery and went through the proper motions to save her dad. She calmly called her mother, who called 9-1-1, and then helped talk Lillie through the motions. Lillie made sure her dad was still breathing, then turned his head to make sure he wasn't holding his breath. She even opened the back door so the first responders could quickly enter upon arrival.

First responders stated that they have never seen a young child know just what to do in an emergency like this. I commend Lillie for her acts of bravery that helped save her father's life. She is a true hero!

For her heroic actions, it is my great pleasure to celebrate Miss Lillie Davis today before the U.S. House of Representatives.